As regards the appraisal and management of semi-current records, instructions have already been issued under "Policy Resolution in respect of the records of the Union Government", and the various States have also been requested to issue instructions on similar lines.

In view of the above, the Committee proposed in the Resolution seems to be unnecessary. Moreover, the Committee proposed has excluded from its membership the representatives of State Governments or Archives and of the National Archives of India, who are intimately connected with the appraisal and preservation of records. The formation of the Committee without any Archivist does not appear appropriate in any case.

(E) Ph.D.Theses on Modern Indian History

(5) Resolution by Dr. G.D.Patel

"Resolved that One typed copy of all the theses bearing on Modern Indian History approved by the Indian Universities for the award of Ph.D. are to be deposited in the National Archives of India. In case of difficulty in typing the National Archives of India is to undertake microfilming of the theses. The Commission recommends that the National Archives of India may prepare two microfilmed copies, one for the National Archives of India and the other for the State Archives for the use of scholars."

Explanatory Note:

At the 40th Session of Indian Historical Records Commission held at Madras on 18-20 February, 1970, the Commission passed Resolution XVI stating that copies of all

the theses bearing on Modern Indian History approved by Indian Universities for the award of Ph.D. should be deposited in National Archives of India. Where Universities find it difficult to deposit a copy in National Archives of India, one should be sent to the National Archives of India to be microfilmed. The State Archives are also research centres. Therefore it is desirable that one copy of the theses may be deposited in the State Archives. Most of the State Archives do not possess facility of microfilming but possess a reader. Therefore, it is necessary that one additional copy of microfilm for the State Archives may be prepared by National Archives of India. If such facilities are provided by the National Archives of India, the State Archives will get the advantage and will be able to give more facilities to researchers, administrators, etc.

Standing Committee's views:

The above resolution was forwarded to all the Universities for necessary action. The Universities of Gauhati, Visva-Bharati, Karnataka, Sardar Patel, Saugar, Andhra and Lucknow have sent the theses for being microfilmed in this Department so far.

As regards preparation of another microfilm copy of the theses for the State Archives for the use of research scholars, it may be stated that subject to any restriction that may be imposed by the author of the theses or the University concerned, a duplicate microfilm copy can be supplied on demand to the State Archives on payment. (The cost of a positive microfilm copy of a theses running into about 500 pages will be approximately Rs.120/- at current

rates). It is not possible for National Archives of India to supply copies of all theses to all States Archives free of cost.

(F) Bringing out compendia on new economic reforms

(6) Resolution by the Government of Kerala

"Resolved to request that the Indian Historical Records Commission may enjoin upon the National Archives of India and the various State Archives in the country to bring out compendia on one or more subjects covered by the new economic reforms launched by the Government of India, especially the twenty point programme announced by the Prime Minister, with a view to helping people to appreciate these egalitarian reforms from a historical standpoint also".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The recent economic reforms launched by the Government of India including the 20 point programme announced by the Prime Minister in July are no doubt a landmark in the socio-economic life of the nation. Alongside the implementation of these reforms, the Governments both at the Centre and the States have been sparing no efforts to bring home to the people the imperative need of these measures being implemented at the crucial hour in the life of the country. Handouts, press releases, speeches by Ministers and Officers may cover various aspects of the issue.

In order that the people understand the special importance of these economic questions, it would seem necessary that the historical background also of these questions which have issued forth to the forefront of our socio-economic scene at this hour, is given.